



## Personal info

Full name

**MAC KERER, Arnold William**

Date of birth

**29 August 1924**

Age

**20**

Place of birth

**Wyandotte, Wayne County, Michigan**

Hometown

**Algonac, St. Clair County, Michigan**

## Military service

Service number

**O-1325654**

Rank

**Second Lieutenant**

Unit

**E Company,  
39th Infantry Regiment,  
9th Infantry Division**

Awards

**Silver Star,  
Purple Heart**

## Death & Grave

Status

**Died of Wounds**

Date of death

**21 December 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle**

Plot	Row	Grave
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## Immediate family

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### Members

**Arnold W. Mac Kerer (father)**

**Dorothy E. (Purdy) Mac Kerer (mother)**

**Donald Mac Kerer (brother)**

**Peter S. Mac Kerer (brother)**

## More information

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Lt Mac Kerer was awarded the Silver Star Medal posthumously for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 near Schlick, Germany. He crawled forward, under enemy fire and observation, to within twenty-five yards of a machine gun. With complete disregard for personal safety, he threw two grenades, destroying the gun and killing the entire crew in the emplacement.

Ten days after the action for which he was posthumously decorated, he was hit by machine gun fire while on a reconnaissance patrol near Monschau and died as a result of these wounds.

His twin brother, Donald, who had been with Arnold since leaving Norwich to go into the Army, took over his brother's platoon until he, Donald, was wounded on 2 February 1945.

## Photos

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